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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 1:33 PM
To: Harvey, Dale@Waterboards
Subject: Stop Allowing Oil and Gas Pits

Dear Chair Longley,

Please adopt a general order for the disposal of oil and gas wastewater into open pits that protects our vital aquifers by ending this risky disposal method. Thank you for taking a more active role in overseeing the oil and gas industry, but anything short of a prohibition on open pits would be a failure to adequately protect water quality.

The California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) recommends that unless the presence of harmful chemicals can be ruled out in produced water, unlined pits should be prohibited. The State lacks the information, testing and monitoring needed to meet this standard, and has for decades failed to enforce basic water quality laws, allowing hundreds of un-permitted and many polluting pits to continue to operate.

I urge you stand up to the oil industry, listen to the science, and prohibit open pit disposal.

Sincerely,

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From: Food & Water Watch <act@fwwatch.org> [REDACTED]
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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Aghazeynali, Hossein@Waterboards
Subject: Please oppose oilfield wastewater discharge on land

Feb 21, 2017

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Dear Aghazeynali,

I urge you to protect California's water, air, soil and health by opposing the discharge of oilfield-produced wastewater to land.

Dumping oilfield waste onto land threatens the very water the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is supposed to protect. In these open, often unlined pits, toxic chemicals from well stimulation and oilfield waste such as benzene and heavy metals can migrate into groundwater and soil. This dumping can also release methane and other emissions into the air.

Rather than weakening existing regulations, the CVRWQCB should crack down on un-permitted dumping and out-of-date permits.

Please oppose the proposed change to the General Orders and protect our water from oil waste dumping.

Sincerely,